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From:

David E. Janssen

Chief Administrative Officer

HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE: HOMELESS AND HOUSING PROGRAM FUND, DISCHARGE OF HOMELESS HOSPITAL PATIENTS TO RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS PROGRAM

On September 26, 2006, when your Board approved the allocation of \$80 million in one-time County General Funds to the Homeless and Housing Program Fund (HHPF), you delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Office to execute agreements for implementation of County programs and to amend the agreements to make technical changes and/or to increase or decrease funding by ten percent. This is to inform you of my intent to invoke this delegation of authority to increase the funding for the Department of Health Services' (DHS) Discharge of Homeless Hospital Patients to Recuperative Care Beds Program by \$120,000. The \$120,000 will be transferred from the Administrative Section of the HHPF and will result in an overall increase of the Program funding from \$1.2 million to \$1.32 million.

The additional funding is required because the DHS homeless recuperative bed contractor underestimated the cost of supporting 15 additional homeless recuperative care beds for two years. The estimate was based on costs associated with their current facility in Skid Row, which is a less expensive location to operate a homeless recuperative care bed program than in other areas of the County primarily due to facility costs.

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Please be advised that with the additional \$120,000 in funding, the program contract is still short by \$213,000 and as a result the contract will be initially negotiated for an operation period of 20 months rather than two years. We will recommend funding the remaining \$213,000 as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Final Change process. Specifically, we will recommend that savings identified from one of the Department of Public Social Services HHPF Programs be reallocated to the DHS Homeless Recuperative Care Beds Program.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Lari Sheehan at (213) 893-2477 or at lsheehan@cao.lacounty.gov.

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c: County Counsel
Department of Health Services